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How affordable, portable and easy to install low-cost sensors augment urban pollution trends monitoring

AIRBENDER

Bengaluru has 10 reference-grade air quality monitors

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The data from low-cost air quality monitoring equipment can be used to better understand spatial variation of air pollutants in the city. A study conducted by Bengaluru-based Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP) showed PM2.5, temperature and relative humidity measurements of Low-Cost Sensors (LCSs) can be used to capture pollution trends.

Researchers analysed the performance of nine LCSs over four months, between January 2022 and April 2022, by placing the instruments next to regulatory-grade monitors. The results showed these sensors can be used along with regulatory-grade monitors to provide a better understanding of the spatial distribution of pollutants in Bengaluru.

"Given the affordability, portability and ease of installation, LCSs are becoming popular. These are affordable sensors compared to reference-grade instruments that the Central Pollution Control Board has approved for air quality monitoring. Moreover, they can be used for measuring PM2.5, PM 10, and PM 1 in some cases. LCSs can help us in understanding air quality in an

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"If we have LCSs in a close network, every one to five kilometres, we can see how air quality changes. This can help health experts and policymakers.

– Dr Padmavati Kulkarni, CSTEP

Govt college is cool

Govt first grade college in city is first in state to secure NAAC's A grade

Lal Bahadur Shastri Government First Grade College principal Dr Mohammed Manzoor Nouman with NAAC certificate

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Oftentimes, educational institutions maintained by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and state government are last choices for parents to admit their children.

However, the Lal Bahadur Shastri Government First Grade College on Dinnur Road near RT Nagar begs to differ with the public opinion that government-run educational institutions lack basic infrastructure and often provide poor quality education.

The Lal Bahadur Shastri Government First Grade College, which had the privilege of utilising the funds allocated under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme, has added one more feather to its cap. It is the state's first government-run first grade college to get A grade certification from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The other two government first grade colleges — one in Shivamogga and the other in Ramanagara — received B+ grade from NAAC.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Gimme a Key

Catch Western Music Festival 'Gimme a Key' this weekend at Jagriti Theatre. Gimme A Key returns for its third edition to a braver, brand-new world. This festival has celebrated the work of some of the best talent in the country -- musicians, instrumentalists, singers, and songwriters. Some of the artistes are Cinema of Excess, Michael Dias, and Joey Sharma who have been a big part of the local music scene for years. **Where: Jagriti Theatre; When: May 20 – 22, 7:30 pm; Tickets: bookmyshow.com/events/gimme-a-key/ET00328164**

02 In the mood for a drama?

Catch Suits & Lies, a corporate drama depicting the change in human relationships when a consulting team is assigned a new project. The play makes one ponder to what extent we can go to satisfy our needs and wants. This is a fast-paced drama that touches upon many different themes ranging from love, betrayal, and revenge.
Where: Prabhat Kaladwarka Auditorium, Koramangala Club; When: May 21, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm Tickets: 8660169275

03 Evening melodies

Take a break from the stress and monotony of work by attending a beautiful musical evening at Lahe Lahe. The session will have musical aficionados come and jam together and form a community of like-minded musical souls. What's more, you can even tune out a few songs of yourself too!
Where: Lahe Lahe, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar When: Wednesdays, 7:30pm – 9:30pm Tickets: 9886294444

Right to a regular pay

Thousands of ASHA workers from Karnataka led by AIUTUC-affiliated Karnataka Rajya Samyuktha ASHA Karyakarteyara Sangha protested on Tuesday at Freedom Park against issues regarding the RCH portal. The portal has caused delays and non-payment of their wages and incentives.

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Jabs for tots? Verdict is mixed for this one

With vaccination drives yet to start for kids aged 6-12, parents remain divided over sending them to school

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It's a moment they've been all waiting for. Kids aged 6-12 are finally returning to school after a long hiatus of online learning but their parents are not so enthusiastic.

These parents say that the vaccination drive is yet to start, and thus, it leaves the children vulnerable. Others, however, are hesitant about getting their children vaccinated, citing lack of sufficient studies and possible side effects.

Those in favour of sending them to school cite loss of social skills in children.

The Karnataka government announced the reopening of all classes from first to the tenth standard from May 16 to make up for the loss of learning.

Even though The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has given nod to Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for use in children of age group 6-12 and Biological E's Corbevax within the age group of 5-12, the vaccination drive for the age group is yet to start.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Health), Dr KV Trilok Chandra said, "Dates for commencement of the drives will be announced after we receive the guidelines from the Union Government."

Tiny tots seen at a school in the city, after a long period of online classes

An official from National Health Mission (Karnataka) also reiterated that they haven't received any guidelines from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare yet. But on speaking to a few parents, BM found that parents were split over the idea of a vaccination drive.

"I am a parent of two: one within the age group of 6-12 age group and another in the 15-17 age group. Vaccination has been announced for the 15-17 age group but we are not going to get them vaccinated. There are not sufficient trials or studies," said Mohammed Shakeel, President of Voice of Parents (Karnataka). "Belonging to the vulnerable category, children of the age group 6-12 should not be sent to schools. All those social skills can be acquired later as well."

Another parent, Chetan Mahadev, also spoke on similar lines. "Unless a dire need arises, I do not wish for my children to get the vaccine. Since most adults are vaccinated, there is a lesser chance of them being Covid spreaders as well."

Commenting on whether Covid vaccines can harm children, Dr Sujatha Thyagarajan, Sr Consultant and Lead, PICU, Aster RV Hospital said, "As of now, there is very little literature on the efficacy of the vaccine. But we know it will rehabilitate all the tried and tested vaccines."

> **"Dates for the drives will be announced after we receive guidelines from Union Government**
> – Dr KV Trilok Chandra, BBMP Special Commissioner (Health)

While the timeline for studies was shorter for these vaccines but both Corbevax and Covaxin are safe. Both are inactive vaccines and the chances of side effects are lesser than in live vaccines. However, some side effects like fever and body pain can be expected, explained Dr Yogesh Kumar Gupta, Head of Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Fortis Hospitals.

Speaking on the safety factor in BBMP schools, BBMP Assistant Commissioner Education, Umesh S, said, "There is no need to worry. We are seeing 50-55 per cent attendance since reopening and as of now, there are no cases. Our health department is taking all steps to get students vaccinated."

He added that all measures are being taken to make schools safe from Covid. "School premises are being cleaned twice a week, schools were instructed to clean before reopening on Monday, and cleaning will be taken on weekends as well. We will be following the existing covid guidelines."

Vijay Karnataka, the number 1 daily in Kannada, has been in the forefront of recognizing and felicitating silent achievers in various fields with VK Achievers award. This time achievers from North Karnataka region were felicitated at a program held in Bengaluru.

Awards inspire to achieve more

- Minister R. Ashok advises achievers
- Achievers from North Karnataka felicitated with VK Achievers of Karnataka award

Achievers from various strata of the society in North Karnataka were felicitated with the VK Achievers award at a function held in Bengaluru.

Revenue minister R. Ashok and actress Sonu Gowda felicitated the awardees. 28 achievers from North Karnataka region received the award.

Speaking on the occasion Ashok said that achievement is not bound by any constraints. It is not that only the works of politicians, film personalities, sports persons, engineers and doctors are credited with achievements. Those who silently do their bit also need to be recognized. Towards this end the work of Vijay Karnataka needs to be complimented, he said.

Sonu Gowda also appreciated the effort of Vijay Karnataka in recognizing and felicitating silent achievers.

Karnataka third highest contributor to GDP

Karnataka is the third highest contributor to the nation's GDP, thanks to its robust economic structure, said Ranjeet Kate, CEO, Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror.

Vijay Karnataka has been and will continue to honor those who are serving the society in their own capacity, he said.

Revenue minister R. Ashok and actress Sonu Gowda released the book VK Achievers of Karnataka- North Karnataka edition at a function organized in Bengaluru. 28 achievers from the region were felicitated at the event. Vijay Karnataka Editor Sudarshan Channangihally and Ranjeet Kate, CEO, Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror were present.

Achievers words

All the awardees thanked Vijay Karnataka for having recognized their service and given the award. They also lauded the social commitment of the newspaper.

The youth should realize that commitment, honesty and hard work have no substitutes as aftar as success is concerned
▪ Baburao Adke
MD, Adke Textile Park, Bidar

Vijay Karnataka has proved that the society recognizes even those who give their small bit to the society.
▪ Ramesh Bafna
Business Man, MWB Group, Hubballi

Being a voice of the poor and underprivileged through social activity is a true achievement.
▪ Basavaraj Gurikar
Executive President, All India Primary Teachers Federation, Delhi

I am humbled to have received this award for my achievement in the medical field.
▪ Dr.Bhuvanesh N Aradhya
Senior Urologist & Kidney Transplant surgeon, KLE-HCG Suchirayu Hospital, Gokul Road, Hubballi.

VK is felicitating silent achievers which has helped them get due recognition. This inspires me to give more to society.
▪ G. Shyamachar
Chief Priest, Shri Pamchamukhi and Erakalamma Temple, Raichur

VK needs to be thanked for bringing silent achievers to the limelight. This will definitely enthuse me to do more social service.
▪ Ishtalinga Sirsi
Social Activist, Bagalkot

Have courage to think differently, courage to travel unexplored path. Courage to discover the impossible and to conquer the problems and succeed.
▪ Dr. Naveen Biradar
Orthopedic Surgeon, Kalaburagi

I thank VK for having recognized a publisher like me for this award. Rededicate ourselves to do more service
▪ Jayadeva Menasagi
Publisher, Gadag

This award is not for any individual but for the whole state. We are only receiving it on their behalf.
▪ Jitendra Majethia
Social Activist, Hubballi

work with dedication and passion to achieve his goals. Happy that Vijay Karnataka has recognized service & awarded me.
▪ K. Srinivas Gupta Director, Srinivas Human Care Industry Pvt. Ltd.

Women's empowerment needs to be prioritized. This recognition is the right step in that direction.
▪ Manjula Ishwarappa Revadi
Social Activist, Gadag

This award proves that success begets those who work with dedication and honestly. I am very happy to have received this award.
▪ Dr. Mujeebuddin Patel
MD, Q.P Hospital, Kalaburagi

I thank VK for recognizing my service in helping needy children get a good education.
▪ Dr. Meti Rudresh,
Director, Meru IAS and KAS Center, Dharwad

I am happy to have received this award for my service as an industrialist. There are many options including Atma Nirbhar Bharat to achieve success
▪ Praveen Mehta Joint MD, Abhay Solvents Pvt. Ltd. Koppal

We have to inculcate values followed by revered people to achieve success in life.
▪ Ravi Pujari
Chief, R.S.P Group of Companies, Athani, Belagavi

Society is more important than asking what it has given us. recognizing those who give their bit for the society is laudable.
▪ Rajashekar Kattegoudar,
CEO, Novitas, Haveri

I am humbled by the honor and recognition given by Vijay Karnataka for my services. This will encourage me to more in serving society.
▪ Ramesh Hadimani
Farmer, Bagalkot

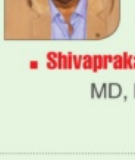
VK which is in the forefront of social reforms also has taken the lead in recognizing and warding people who are involved in social service.
▪ R. Abhilash
Actor, Social Activist, Belagavi

VK is not just limited to giving news but also has taken upon the task of recognizing those who serve the society.
▪ Sadashiva Chikkareddy
Contractor, Vijaypur

Recognizing and felicitating various achievers under one roof is certainly a very appreciative effort. Let this continue.
▪ Santosh Bhat Guruji
Sri Malatesha Temple, Devaragudda, Haveri

Respect and success follows those who put sincere effort. This award has reinforced that.
▪ Satish Hazare,
Chairman Hazare Foundation, Padmavathi International School and College, Bagalkot

Inspire us to dedicate more towards social service. Younger generation should strive hard to find success in life and serve the society.
▪ Shivaprakash Limbayyaswamymath
MD, Limbayyaswamy Cotton Industries, Hubballi



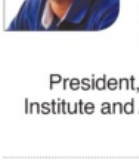
By recognizing my service to the society and giving me the VK Achievers award, Vijay Karnataka has put more responsibility on me to do more.
▪ Shivaji Gaikwad President, Shivaji Maharaj Education Society, Vijaypur

There are many obstacles in the path of success. But with determination those can be overcome leading to achievements.
▪ Somanna Bevinamatha
Social Activist, Haveri

For a co-operative like me this award encourages us to serve the society in a big way. This has also enhanced the social commitment of the paper.
Dr. Thimmanna Aralikatte
Founder, Aralikatte Group of Companies, Mudhol

Thank Vijay Karnataka for recognizing achievers in the field of medicine. I dedicate this award to those who tended to covid patients by putting their own life at risk.
Dr. Vijaya Hatti, MD
Vijaya Hospital, Bidar

Happy that the paper has recognized achievers outside of Bengaluru and that too those from North Karnataka. Will thrive to do more in the coming days.
▪ Dr. Vinod Metri
President, Sri Vaishnavi Education Institute and Arthocare multi speciality hospital, Bagalkot.



Vijay Karnataka is always in the forefront of creating public awareness. Thank them for recognizing my service. Let this noble work continue to inspire many.
▪ Dr. Ameet G Sattur Interventional Cardiologist, Sattur Heart Care and Suchirayu Hospital, Hubballi.

Drenched & Drowning Now

Tales of fury and panic in Savaramma Layout

Heavy rains cause roads to be completely waterlogged; workers, residents unable to commute

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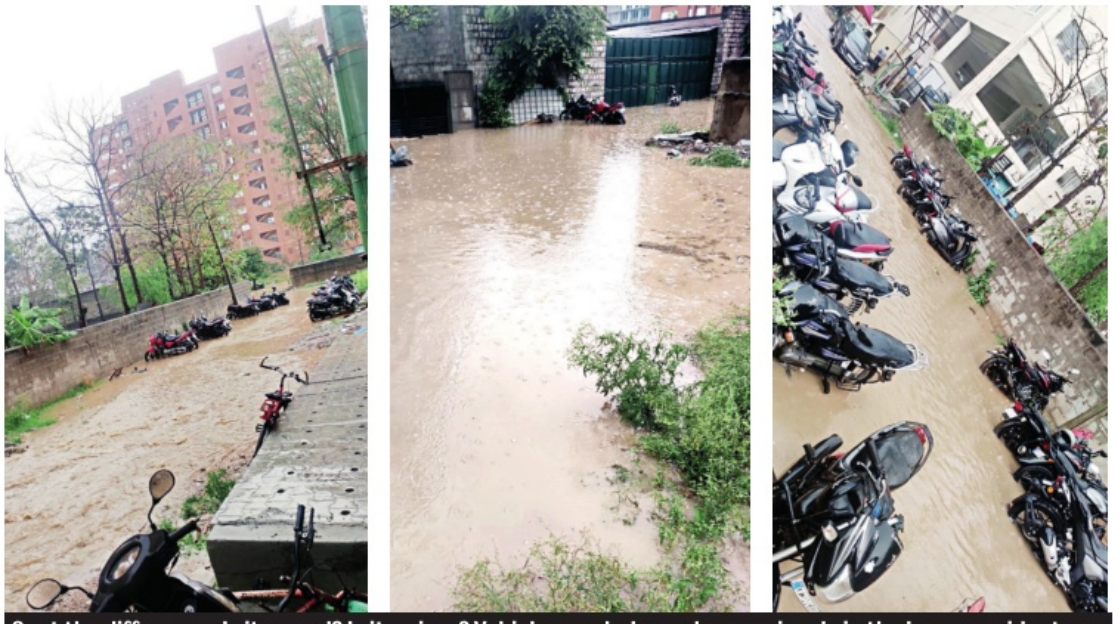

Spot the difference: Is it a road? Is it a river? Vehicles are balanced precariously in the lanes; residents say they have been left to fend for themselves

As heavy rain lashed the city, roads in Savaramma Layout, Bettena Agrahara, Hosur Road, were completely waterlogged, leaving the residents in a state of panic. Citizens blamed the civic authorities for the clogged roads, saying that despite paying taxes to the BBMP, no development has been seen in the area in the last five years.

The residents say that more than 8,000 people living in the area that falls under BBMP Ward 192 are suffering due to this. According to them, the area is home to at least seven-eight buildings along with two-three garment factories and life has come to a standstill for workers and those residing in the area. The waterlogged roads have disrupted work for everyone.

A resident of the area, on the account of anonymity, said, "For the last five years, we are paying taxes to BBMP; however, no work is done by them. There is no development in the area. They have dug up the entire road and they did not fix it, during rainy days such as these, we face extreme difficulties. The entire road is filled with water."

The residents say that one and a half year ago, the BBMP had made lanes for rainwater collection, however some of the residents have used those lanes to connect their sewage pipes.

Radhika K, a resident of the area, complained that due to the large amounts of sewage, the water cannot pass, and as a result, the entire lane gets clogged and causes waterlogging everywhere. "The situation is so bad that people cannot even; if someone is coming out of their house, they will end up drowning or injuring themselves."

> **We pay taxes to BBMP but no work is done by them. They never fix the roads which are dug up**
>
> –a resident

Nitheen Gowda, another resident of the area said, "There are a few garment factories present here. Because of these road conditions, the workers cannot come here to work and are losing their livelihood in the process. The factories are also bearing heavy losses because of this."

The people fear that the waterlogged area will become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other insects.

Megha Ghosh, another resident of the area, said, "We are scared of dengue now. Already it is on the rise and in a waterlogged place like this, it will spread at double the speed. We can't take such risks and put the health of our kids and elderly people at risk. Because of the waterlogging there will be the emergency of other harmful insects and even snakes."

The residents, have filed complaints to BBMP officials on numerous occasions; however, no heed was paid to their requests.

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Road, blocked

Leonard Lane

Leonard Lane, next to Johnson Market. Richmond Town, is perpetually blocked by a store, which has occupied the footpath and part of the road as well. Complaints to Traffic Police have not helped. This is the only road linking Richmond Town to Hosur Road.

Pothole peril

Bellandur

Karriayammana Agara Road, Bellandur, near Mantri Espana Gate and the track leading to Labour Colony are filled with potholes, causing inconvenience to Bengalureans.

Thunder-struck Tuesday

Bengaluru received one of the heaviest rainfalls of this season on Tuesday. Met experts said that it is very unusual for the city to receive this amount of rainfall during pre-monsoon showers. The rainfall is attributed to multiple weather systems in Bay of Bengal. Due to heavy rainfall on Tuesday evening, water gushed into houses in low-lying areas. Many streets turned into pools with motorists finding it tough to negotiate the water. Many took to social media to post pictures on how they were stuck in knee-high water. And what's more, there seems to be no respite from the rain as the Met department predicts that city may experience rainfall for the next few more days. At many places, there was power outage too in the city.

A hell of a weather for pourakarmikas

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Due to the heavy rains, around 17 makeshift houses owned by pourakarmikas in Kodigehalli were damaged when a wall collapsed, causing extensive damage. The incident happened on Monday.

In Kodigehalli, a colony of pourakarmikas reside in about 70 houses made of tarpaulin sheets. All their belongings were destroyed. The residents living in the 17 units were moved to the nearby homes temporarily.

"At around 4:30pm, the compound wall fell onto our home. Rain poured in and destroyed our belongings. The tarpaulin sheet that was the roof was damaged in the process," said Balaraj, a BBMP pourakarmika working for 10 years. He added that till date, there have been many attempts to repair the houses.

Homes, gone: Pourakarmikas are now staying in temporary shelters

Another pourakarmika, Shanmugham, said that most stay on rented land and work at Mahadevapura, Hoodi ward. "The adjoining site installed a wall. Mud from the site kept coming inside our colony and another person fell into the shed. There was a cooking area and washrooms that were also destroyed."

The same day, a few activists rushed to the spot to help the affected. Clifton Rozario, one of the activists, said, "Due to the rains, the ground became slushy leading to the pillars tilting. Consequently, the wall fell onto the houses. Residents rushed outside and pushed back the wall to the other side. The adjacent land is at a higher level than the colony and if it continues to rain, the entire land could topple into their colony."

He added, "We have already written to the BBMP Commissioner. Pourakarmikas in the Mahadevapura zone live in such conditions. When it rains, the entire place gets inundated and residents are forced to live in such conditions. We have been telling them to provide their workers with properly constructed houses. We have demanded for providing them relief materials."

President of BBMP Pourakarmika Sanghatane, Nirmala M, said, "The union spoke to the families and BBMP officials. We have been assured that BBMP officials will speak to the parties affected. BBMP keeps saying that they will give free quarters to their workers. This is a problem that affected most pourakarmikas as most of them don't have properly constructed houses. There would no toilet or water facilities available for them."

Responding to the letter sent by the union, BBMP Chief Commissioner, Tushar Girinath wrote to BBMP JC Mahadevapura to take immediate action.

Raising a stink on a pothole-free road

This road has no potholes, but why would the motorists rather just avoid it? BM smells a rat

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If the nausea-inducing scene at CIL Road in RT Nagar is any indication, it seems Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) departments are working in silos. While the BBMP's Road Infrastructure Department tries its best (or so we hope) to ensure roads are in a good condition, its Solid Waste Management Department tries (and succeeds) to make the roads dirty blackspots.

On July 30,2021, the BBMP Road Infrastructure Department asphalted the road using a cost-effective method. In fact, Bangalore Mirror wrote a story on how the one-and-half km long road between RT Nagar and Jayamahal Road was fixed using the mill and fill method for which the BBMP spent Rs 1.05 crore. The goal was: The road would be pothole-free for the next five years. BBMP Chief Engineer (Roads and Infrastructure) BS Prahald claimed the work was taken up as per State Chief Secretary's directions. At the time, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai used to stay just a stone's throw away from the road.

Cut to May 2022 -- motorists want to find ways to avoid this road. No, it is not to avoid potholes, but due to a horrible stench that hangs heavy here. This road is being used by the Solid Waste Management department to transfer garbage from auto tippers to garbage compactors. And the leaking leachate from compactors here makes the place smell terrible.

"It is shocking that the road being ruined by the department. The bad odour is a health hazard for motorists who take this road to reach Jayamahal Road or RT Nagar Main Road," said Nagesh Kumar, a two-wheeler rider.

Residents of ALISDA (Director General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance) Residential Complex are the worst affected. They complain that the stagnant leachate has become a breeding place for mosquitoes. "It has become difficult for us to cope with bad odour. We are also suffering from the mosquito problem," said Priya Senthil, a resident.

Expressing similar opinion, Surabhi Singh, a resident, said she has been suffering from an allergy due to the unhygienic conditions. "My face and nose are swollen due to the allergy. I am not able to sleep at night due to bad odour," said Singh.

Sreenivas, a resident, said all efforts to convince garbage compactor vehicles drivers to keep the place clean have been in vain. "The stink is haunting us day and night. I hope the BBMP officials find a suitable location for transferring solid waste from auto tippers to the compactor vehicles," said Sreenivas.

BBMP assistant executive engineer (SWM) RT Rudramuni said that he was posted at Hebbal just three days ago. "I will visit the spot and try my best to fix the problem," Rudramuni said.

Taking charge

Pratap Reddy took charge from Kamal Pant as the new City Police Commissioner at the Police Commissioner's office in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

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Drug dealer flies into NCB dragnet

A small team of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Bengaluru that was deployed twice at Mandsaur over a period of four to five months to monitor an international drug dealer's movements, were successful on Monday after he was apprehended at the Bengaluru Airport. The accused was travelling from Indore to Bengaluru by flight.

Mohammad Yunus, a resident of Bolia village, Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh, was arrayed as accused in connection with the seizure of 15.038 kg of opium on May 13, 2013. Yunus was declared as a proclaimed offender in the case by a court in Madhya Pradesh on September 18, 2014 and a Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) was issued against him.

According to the NCB officials, a small team of NCB Bengaluru was deployed to Mandsaur over a period of four to five months and collected all possible information with the help of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan police. Finally, the team was able to find his present address and ascertained his assets details. According to the NCB officials, the accused, Yunus came to know that NCB had initiated proceedings under section 83 CrPC and thus he was forced to come out of his hideout where he was hiding over the past 10 years.

The officers of NCB Bengaluru were monitoring his movements with help of surveillance and field inputs over four months. It was a challenge for officers to narrow down on him as he used to constantly change his phone number and address. Based on a tip-off, he was apprehended on Monday at the Bengaluru International Airport.

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On Air: Low-Cost Sensors

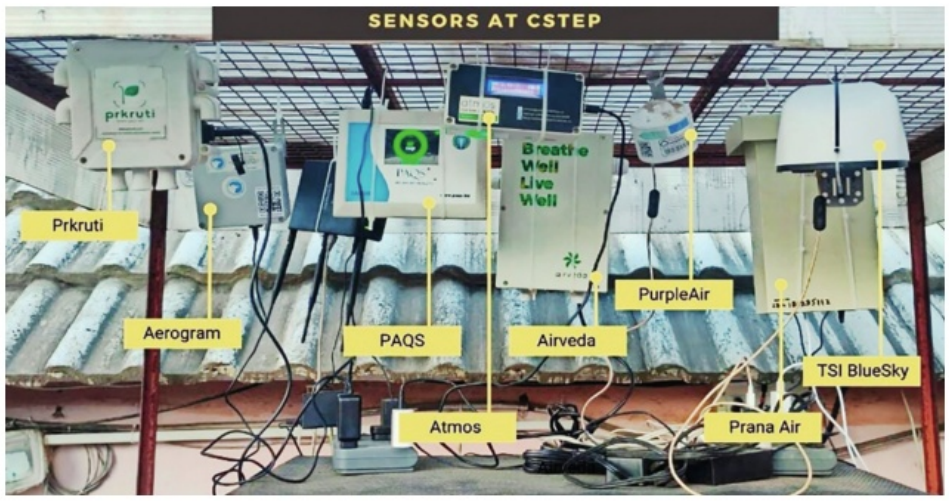
affordable manner," said Dr Padmavati Kulkarni, research scientist, CSTEP.

According to the study, PM2.5, temperature and relative humidity measurements of LCSs can capture trends; the raw measurements can be used for qualitative information.

For instance, they can be used to identify specific days or locations that are more polluted than others. The affordability, portability, and ease of installation make LCSs ideal for air quality checks in areas with no monitoring.

According to experts, the future of air quality monitoring lies in a hybrid approach. Currently, Bengaluru has just about ten reference-grade monitors to measure air quality. Researchers said this low number has created a patchy network.

"If the LCSs are installed in a network, in addition to regulatory-grade monitors, we will have a better idea of spatial variation of the pollutants such as PM 2.5. If we have LCSs in a close network, every one to five kilometres, we can see how air quality changes. This can help health experts and policymakers," added Dr Kulkarni.



Most LCSs underestimated the measured PM2.5 values; a few LCSs overestimated at lower values and underestimated for higher concentrations

When it comes to affordability, LCS costs range between Rs 7,000 and Rs 14,000, whereas the reference-grade instruments cost around Rs 10 to Rs 40 lakh.

Correction needed

While LCSs are becoming increasingly popular because of their low cost and portability, they come with trade-offs on data quality, reliability and shelf life. Experts cautioned LCS data quality is not as good as reference-grade monitors, though it can be used after making some corrections.

Most of the LCSs quantify PM2.5 based on light scattering technique, which is sensitive to environmental factors such as humidity in the atmosphere. This can introduce bias in LCS measurements of PM, thereby requiring evaluation before reporting using the data.

The study showed most LCSs underestimated the measured PM2.5 values; a few LCSs overestimated at lower values and underestimated for higher concentrations.

"Data obtained from LCSs requires some correction. This can be done by installing a network of LCSs near regulatory-grade monitors and deriving an equation (calibration model) for correcting the values. The same equation can be used to correct other LCSs in the vicinity. However, it should be noted that the correction factors for LCS data will change from place to place and will require different calibration models," added Dr Kulkarni.

Using LCSs for high-quality air quality data is a growing field of research. Experts said that the inclusion of temperature and relative humidity as predictors can significantly improve calibration models' performances. Another advantage of LCSs is they can be installed and monitored with minimal training.

"As LCS technology is continuously developing, newer versions can be equipped with more accurately calibrated sensors and meteorological sensors that could provide PM2.5, temperature and relative humidity measurements which are closer to reference-grade measurements. Moreover, while the regulatory grade instruments need highly trained staff, we do not need trained people to install or monitor LCSs," Dr Kulkarni told BM.

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Veggies enter the ₹100 club

Probably for the first time, many veggies being sold at over Rs 100 a kg

Beans were being sold at Rs 110 a kg in the city on Tuesday

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After petrol and diesel, it is now the turn of vegetables to join the 'Rs 100 club'. This is probably for the first time that many vegetables in the city are being priced over Rs 100. On Tuesday, beans were being sold at Rs 110 per kilo. Tomatoes were being sold for Rs 100 as well at many shops. Worse, traders say the prices of the vegetables will only increase due to incessant rainfall in neighbouring districts. Other vegetables too are becoming more costly. Green chillies, big chillies and capsicum were being sold at Rs 80 and carrots for Rs 60.

Shivappa S, a trader, said, "Whenever there is unseasonal rainfall, the prices of vegetables shoot up. Even the Met department's predictions show that we had never experienced this kind of rainfall in May in the last 50 years. Many farmers are saying that the produce that was about to be harvested has been washed away in rainfall. So, we are now trading the stocks which are already coming from the mandis."

According to him, many mandi operators said they were not getting fresh stocks from farmers. "This means there will be a shortage of vegetables in the coming days signalling price rise. Besides this, the increase in fuel prices is also playing its part. The transporters have increased the cost and this cost will be levied on the retail users. As there are not many cold storage facilities, rainfall is affecting transportation and many perishable goods are lost as they can't be transported at the right time."

Tomato prices have been seeing a fluctuation in the recent past. A few months back, tomatoes had touched Rs 100 and then fell to Rs 5 a kilogram. In the recent past, protesting the steep drop in tomato prices, farmers could be seen dumping the vegetable on the road. However, now, the farmers who got the tomato yield are celebrating, while it is pinching the middle and poor classes. Tomato crop has been greatly affected by the cyclone in the state as well as in neighbouring states resulting in skyrocketing prices. Along with the cyclone, the rains too have affected the crop.

Tomato yield

Kolar district in the state grows large quantities of tomatoes compared to other districts. Currently, tomato crop is grown on 16,328 hectares in the state. There is good crop yield in June and August. The state produces 9.50 lakh metric tonnes of tomato every year, according to experts. In Kolar market, last year, 15 kg of tomato was sold for Rs 15. Now it has gone up to Rs 80 and Rs 100. Wholesale price in Shivamogga, Karwar, Hubballi, and Dharwad is between Rs 50 and Rs 70, they said. Presently, three to four trucks of tomatoes are arriving from Nasik to Bengaluru market. Incessant rains have also affected the greens and the prices have doubled in the market.

> **"Whenever there is unseasonal rainfall, the prices of vegetables shoot up** –Shivappa S, trader

(Inputs from agencies)

State govt has taken away our powers: SEC tells High Court

The Karnataka State Election Commission on Tuesday told the High Court of Karnataka that the State government had taken away its powers making it unable to hold elections to Zilla Panchayat and Taluk Panchayats as mandated by the Supreme Court.

A vacation division bench of the High Court comprising Justice SG Pandit and Justice MG Uma heard the Election Commission's petition today.

Following last week's Supreme Court direction to hold the ZP-TP elections immediately, the Commission filed a memo before the High Court to hear the pending petition citing emergency.

The High Court asked the Commission's counsel why a memo was filed before it instead of following the Supreme Court's direction.

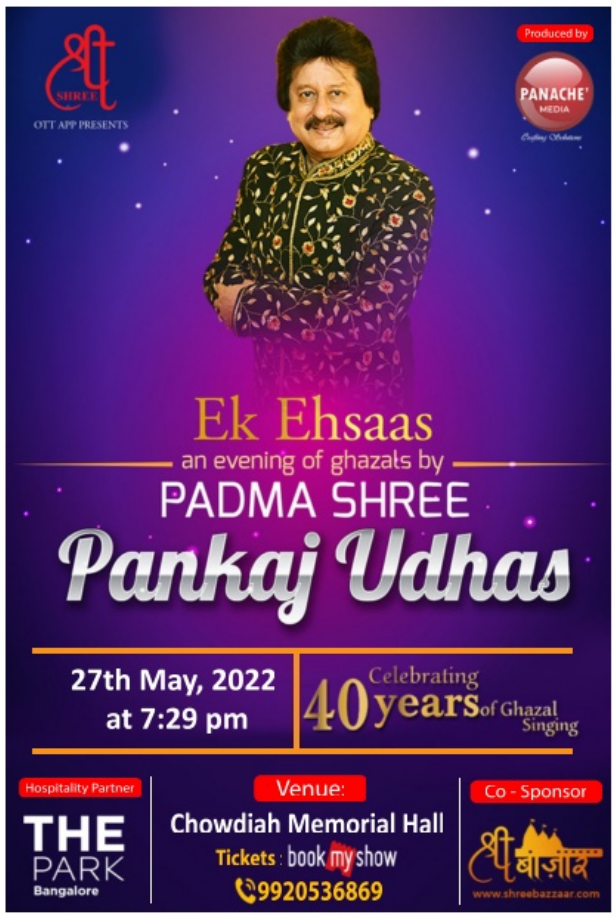
The counsel submitted to the Court that the State Government had withdrawn the Election Commission's power on delimitation of constituencies and drawing up the reservation list. Without these the State EC was unable to announce the election schedule.

The State had formed a separate panel for the delimitation and reservation even though the EC had completed the exercise on its own. The EC had challenged this before the High Court.

The court observed that a detailed examination of the petition was necessary and adjourned the hearing to May 23. **PTI**

Custody of 'drug-tainted' vehicles

The High Court of Karnataka has ruled that Magistrate courts and the Special Courts hearing cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act have powers to give interim custody of vehicles seized under the Act to its owners. The Centre under Section 52(A) of the Act issued a notice on January 16, 2015, with provision for narcotics substances and transporting vehicles, to be disposed of. The Supreme Court had given direction on how narcotics and vehicles seized are to be permanently destroyed. **PTI**



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Directions to speed up work
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Governor's nod to ordinance

#BENGALURU

Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Tuesday gave his assent to the Ordinance that gave effect to the Karnataka Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021, commonly known as the anti-conversion bill. The bill was passed in the Assembly in December last year but was pending before the Council where the ruling BJP is one short of a majority. The Karnataka government promulgated the Karnataka Protection of Right To Freedom of Religion Ordinance on May 12. The Governor's nod came a day after the Bengaluru Archbishop, Peter Machado along with a Christian delegation called on him requesting him to hold back the ordinance. – PTI

Textbook case of confusion

#BENGALURU

The confusion over school syllabus in Karnataka has triggered a debate in the state with former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy of the JD(S) saying on Tuesday textbooks have taken the shape of 'party books'. His remarks came after rumours of the heroics of Tipu Sultan against the British being reduced to just two sentences triggered a debate. Meanwhile, the Public Instruction Department has clarified that the lesson on freedom fighter Bhagat Singh in the prose section has not been removed after rumours of the deletion. – IANS

Dalit youth attacked

#DAVANAGERE

Dalit activists on Tuesday staged a protest against the brutal attack on a 20-year-old youth of their community for messaging an upper caste girl in this district of the state. Demanding immediate arrest of the accused, the protestors submitted a memorandum to Channagiri Tehsildar. The incident had taken place on May 13 in Attigere. – IANS

LIC makes lacklustre stock market debut

Country's largest insurer had to list at over 8 per cent discount

#Mumbai

The country's largest insurer LIC on Tuesday made a lacklustre debut on stock exchanges on Tuesday, listing at over 8 per cent discount after a successful initial public offering (IPO) which fetched Rs 20,557 crore to the exchequer.

As against the issue price of Rs 949, shares of LIC listed at Rs 872, a discount of Rs 81.80 apiece, on the BSE. The stock listed at Rs 867.20, showing a discount of Rs 77 apiece, on the NSE.

The listing price was also below the price at which shares were allotted to LIC policyholders, employees and retail investors.

The scrip remained below the issue price throughout the trading hours and closed at Rs 873 on NSE and Rs 875.45 on BSE.

In the intra-day trade, the shares had touched a low of Rs 860 apiece.

Over 4.87 crore shares changed hands on the NSE, while on BSE it was over 27.52 lakh.

With the listing, LIC got into the list of top-5 most valued companies with market capitalisation of nearly Rs 5.54 lakh crore.

LIC shares listed at a discount even as the benchmark BSE Sensex opened in positive zone and closed with a gain of over 2 per cent over previous close.

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) had fixed the issue price of its shares at Rs 949 apiece after a successful initial public offering, which was over subscribed nearly 3-times when it closed on May 9. The shares were lapped up mainly by retail and domestic investors, even as foreign investor demand was muted.

LIC policyholders and retail investors have got the shares at a price of Rs 889 and Rs 904 apiece, respectively, after taking into account the discount offered.

The government sold over 22.13 crore shares or 3.5 per cent stake in LIC through the IPO.

Talking to reporters here after the listing, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said the weak debut on the bourses was due to unpredictable market conditions and suggested investors to hold on to the stock for long-term value.

LIC Chairman M R Kumar said: "It (stock price) will pick up as we go along. I am sure a lot of people, especially the policyholders who have missed out on the allotment will pick up the shares (in the secondary market). I don't see any reason why it should be tepid for too long".

Market experts too suggested that investors should hold on to the shares and the scrip will see an uptick in the long term.

Axis Securities MD & CEO B Gopkumar said investors should not look to exit at current levels and hold the stock from a medium to long-term perspective.

"We believe LIC continues to be a solid bet in the long run as it is a play on the growth story of the under-penetrated life insurance industry. Its sustained market leadership position, robust pan-India distribution network, and shifting focus towards profitable products, thus supporting margins and improving persistency ratios, will collectively make LIC an attractive pick from a long-term perspective," Gopkumar said.

Geojit Financial Services Head of Research Vinod Nair said LIC is a decent investment opportunity in the short to medium-term considering its strong market presence, improvement in future profitability due to the changes in surplus distribution norms and strong sector growth outlook.

Funds India CEO Girirajan Murugan said once the dust settles on the market due to the ongoing issues related to Ukraine- Russia war and the worries on the Inflation front, stocks in the insurance sector along with other beaten down stocks in the Banking/ NBFC space should see good momentum. – PTI

LIC Chairman MR Kumar holds the horns of the bull in the presence of Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Secretary, DIPAM during the listing ceremony of LIC, at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on Tuesday

AAP raises questions over salary of PA to BDA president

#Bengaluru

Aam Aadmi Party leader and former Karnataka Administrative Service (KAS) officer K Mathai (**pic**) voiced concern over the appointment to the post of Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) president's Personal Assistant without following the rules and payment of over ₹3 lakh as salary.

"Violating the rules of BDA and Karnataka Government, one Somashekhar has been appointed as the Personal Assistant of SR Vishwanath. For a post of KAS junior scale, someone who is not a KAS has been appointed. Though salary of this post is around Rs 50,000 to 60,000 per month, Somashekhar is getting a huge salary of Rs 3,12,002. Even the BDA Commissioner doesn't draw this much salary," K Mathai claimed.

He alleged that Somashekhar has been appointed as per the directions of BDA President, BJP MLA SR Vishwanath, BDA Commissioner and Urban Development Department Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) which works under

the CM Basavaraj Bommai and Chief Secretary to the government has given approval to this illegal appointment. "What is the reason behind giving such a salary to the Personal Assistant post of BDA which has been under loss for several years?" Mathai asked.

He demanded that Somashekhar be suspended immediately and a suitable person should be appointed to that post. "Salary should be given according to the rules. The loss that has been incurred to BDA should be reimbursed using salaries of officials involved," Mathai said. — BMB

A grade for city government college

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"We have worked hard for the last five years to get the A grade. I attribute the hard work of the faculty and students as the reason for our college getting A grade from NAAC. I am very happy. I have to thank our MLA and higher education department officials for their support and encouragement,'' said Lal Bahadur Shastri Government First Grade College principal Dr Mohammed Manzoor Nouman. As of now, 1,018 students (60% boys and 40% girls) are pursuing education at this college that offers courses such as BA, BSc, BCom, BBA and BCA, in Kannada, English, Hindi and Urdu languages. The specialty of this college is that it has 16 assistant professors; among them nine assistant professors have PhDs. Among the five associate professors, four have PhDs. The librarian is a PhD too.

"We have submitted a proposal to the higher authorities seeking permission to start post-graduate level courses at this college,'' said the principal.

The other interesting aspect is the philanthropy of the college principal, assistant and associate professors. With most of the students coming from economically weaker families, the teaching staff extend their helping hands. "Our college offers quality education on par with any private college. We encourage students by paying admission fees. I am planning to spend Rs 1 lakh to help students who are unable to pay admission fees of Rs 4,175,'' said the principal.

Dinesh DV, assistant professor (computer science), said "I help around 20 students who can't afford to buy record books for practical lessons. I came across many students postponing submission of record books. Later, I noticed that these students are postponing the submission as their parents can't afford to buy such books. So, I provided financial assistance."

Alia Fatima, a BCom student, is one of the beneficiaries. "My father used to be an auto-rickshaw driver. Now, he has stopped working due to health problems. My mother is a home-maker. I am grateful to the principal for paying the fees. I want to study hard, score good marks in the examination and support my family,'' said Fatima.

Meanwhile, Pulakeshinagar MLA Akhanda Srinivas Murthy congratulated the college staff members and students for the college receiving the A grade from NAAC. "I am very happy to share this moment with the college staff members and students. It is a great achievement. I am proud of them,'' said Murthy.

Lal Bahadur Shastri Government First Grade College

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JUST NOD OFF

Is a fixation with achieving the perfect 40 winks disrupting your sleep? Sounds like orthosomnia

We all crave a decent kip, but what if finding the perfect way to nod off turns into an unhealthy obsession?

Google searches for 'insomnia hacks' are spiralling as more of us are starting to appreciate the power of a healthy bedtime routine. Women generally have more trouble drifting off than men and, according to research, a chunk of adults struggle to get to sleep at least once a week. Almost one in five face this trouble every single night.

Scientists have discovered this desperate desire for a decent eight hours is responsible for causing a condition called orthosomnia - disrupted sleep caused by an obsession with getting a perfect night's slumber.

"Symptoms include checking sleep trackers too often, spending excessive time in bed trying to get the 'perfect' rest and anxiety over the quality, duration or loss of sleep and how that will affect performance the next day," says Stephanie Taylor, founder of health and wellbeing company StressNoMore.

"Trackers can make our obsessions worse because they encourage us to examine our sleep - looking at data, such as heart rate, how many hours of deep sleep we've achieved or if we've moved during the night.

"These things are largely out of your control but can lead to anxiety, depression, insomnia and daytime sleepiness. Orthosomnia is hard to diagnose but, if you think you are affected, see a psychologist or specialist sleep physician for advice."

" While many of us have tried avoiding caffeine, heavy meals and blue light from electronic devices and smartphones before bedtime, there are plenty of new hacks going viral.

Here, Stephanie shares her verdicts on the sleep tips that could work?

Create a pillow wall

One not-so-romantic tip is to place a wall of pillows between you and your partner. Verdict: "This isn't great for intimacy, but may muffle the noise from a snoring partner. The physical barrier is useful too if your partner encroaches on your space at night."

Lettuce tea

According to one influencer, lettuce is the secret to falling asleep quicker. Use a few leaves in a mug of hot water drunk before bedtime. Verdict: "Due to the presence of lactucin, boiling down lettuce and drinking the water could be a good natural sedative. But further research is needed, especially as you'd need a significant number of leaves to produce enough of the chemical.

Drinking warm water can have a calming placebo effect though."

Massage your wrists

This sleep hack claims to make you fall asleep in under two minutes. Massage each wrist in a circular motion for 30 to 60 seconds to reduce anxiety and improve sleep quality. Verdict: "Like any massage, this could be a soothing sleep tactic. Massaging turns on the body's parasympathetic nervous system, responsible for reducing heart rate and lowering blood pressure, helping you to drift off."

Have some chocolate

But it has to be the dark variety! Verdict: "Dark chocolate contains high levels of magnesium, which helps you fall asleep quicker and for longer. It also reduces anxiety. But sugar isn't great for sleep, so try other magnesium-rich foods, like nuts or a banana."

Mouth taping

It may not be for everyone, but placing a small strip of porous tape over the centre of the mouth at night is a thing now - it ensures you breathe out of your nose, not mouth, to reduce snoring. Verdict: "Sleeping with your mouth open makes the tongue fall back, which blocks the airways making breathing harder. The use of medically approved tape improves snoring and obstructive sleep apnoea, which is when the airway completely blocks for a few seconds until your brain wakes you up. OSA can lead to strokes and heart attacks.

Eat kiwi

Kiwi fruit is said to increase the amount and quality of sleep. Verdict: "According to a study, eating kiwis can improve sleep onset, duration and efficiency in adults, particularly those with sleep disorders. It's due to the sleep-inducing chemical messenger serotonin."

When to seek help

"Each individual's sleep tolerance is different, but if you're experiencing problems or anxiety about sleep then seek help," says Stephanie. "Speaking to your GP or a qualified sleep physician can identify the cause, whether that's an obsession with getting perfect sleep or an undiagnosed sleep condition."

—Daily Mirror

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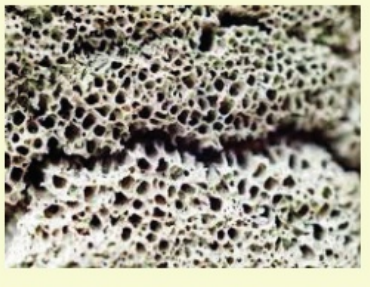
First new drug in 10 years for osteoporosis

Osteoporosis is usually a condition that appears after the menopause, when oestrogen, which keeps bone healthy and strong, is in short supply.

Weak, brittle bones are prone to breakages – in particular the bones of the spine – causing discomfort and disability. More than 300,000 people attend hospitals with fractures caused by osteoporosis each year.

Post-menopausal women with severe osteoporosis and high risk of bone fracture can now benefit from a new drug that will lower vertebral fractures by half.

The risk of non-vertebral fractures was also 19% lower in women who took the drug, romosozumab. NICE's Helen Knight said: "Romosozumab is the only drug available that can help to form bone as well as increase existing bone strength. It is the first new treatment for osteoporosis for several years."



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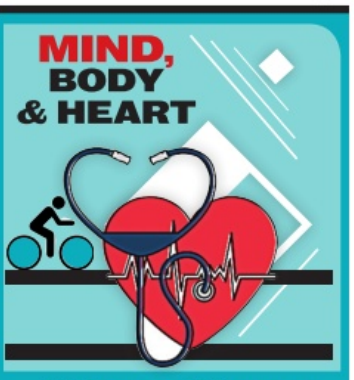

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm very worried about my 10-year-old daughter who I've discovered is lying to me all the time. She told me an elaborate story about a girl in her class who'd been mean to her. The teacher then apparently called her parents in and the girl was sent to the head. When I mentioned this to her class teacher, she told me none of that had happened!
I've since found out that she's lied about other things that have happened at school and about items that have gone missing at home, which, it has turned out, she's taken herself.
I'm shocked and not sure what to do about it. Any advice on why she'd be acting like this?

COLEEN SAYS

There has to be something at the root of it and it feels like a cry for help or attention. So I think you need to explore whether she's stressed or anxious about something, but can't actually voice what's wrong. I also think it's important not to get angry with her. You could start the conversation by saying something like, "I feel something is worrying you because I've found out you've been telling me things that aren't true. I love you and want to help you and it would be good to know why you feel you have to lie".
It would be great if she then opened up and told you what was on her mind, and you always have the option of professional help in the form of counselling. It's almost as if she's creating a fantasy world at school, so perhaps she's struggling with friendships or is experiencing some bullying. Maybe speak to the school to get their support too.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Chai-Time

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

In his training session for a mini swim-cycle-run event John spent 3/8 of the time in the swimming leg. He spent 3/8 of the remaining time in the cycling leg and the balance of the time [50 minutes] running. For how long did he spend in the swimming and cycling legs of the session?

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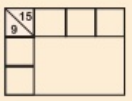
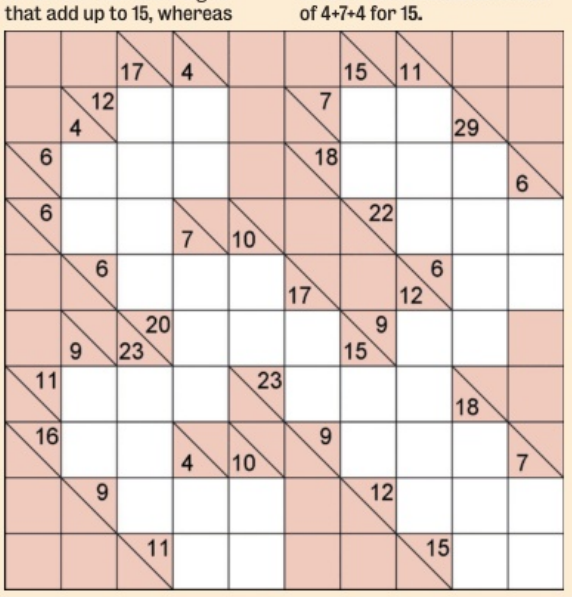
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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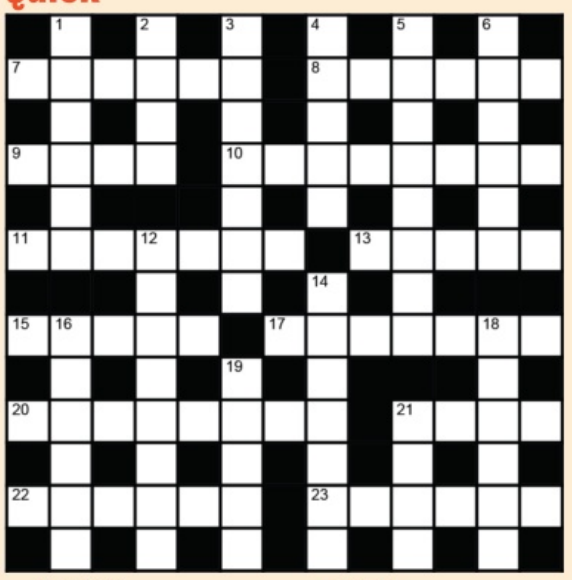


ACROSS

7 Force; drive (6)
8 You will find the Bangalore Golf Club on this road (6)
9 Famous English school (4)
10 Playhouses (8)
11 French detective (7)
13 Priest or monk (5)
15 Disease carriers (5)
17 Conceal (5-2)
20 Leaping over (8)
21 Google co-founder Sergey ___ (4)
22 Off track (6)
23 Greater in height (6)

DOWN

1 Merchant of Venice lawyer (6)
2 Tell a yarn (4)
3 Squash (7)
4 Off-center (5)
5 Start (8)
6 A shooting star (6)
12 They lay bets (8)
14 Ceases to think of (7)
16 Slip by; pass away (6)
18 Blends, bonds or coalesces together (6)
19 LPs (5)
21 Indonesian island (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS U

HNZZCKI JVX JH ZJYP CU YPAW PKZCIBXPKCKI. HJA N UBJAX QBCZP WJV UPP XBP QJAZO QCXB KPQ PWPU.

Linemaro

I never noticed where I am going because I was looking at you

Mindchow

I like pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals

Joke of the day

A magician was driving down the road. Then he turned into a driveway

Loop

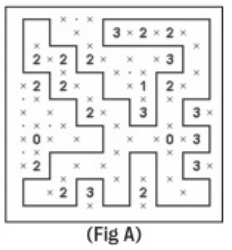
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

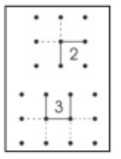
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

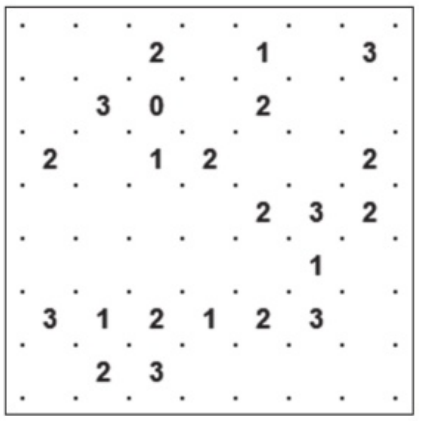
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



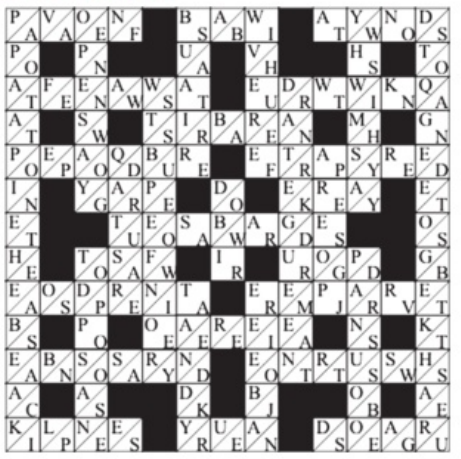
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



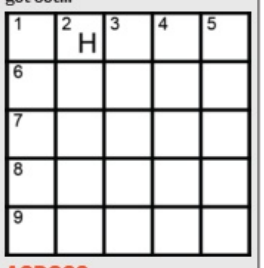
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Set HC; 6 En Che;
7 Lutra; 8 Leafs;
9 Re Fog

DOWN

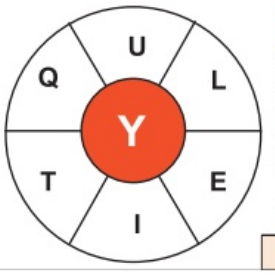
1 H cuff; 2 O Hell;
3 Treen; 4 Crags;
5 See at

Mensapuzzle

Which column does not conform?

A	B	C	D	E	F
17	14	22	31	29	33
9	13	15	22	19	8
13	11	17	17	31	19
24	7	2	13	5	20
2	29	8	4	2	17
10	6	21	3	10	3

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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1								5
	9	4		5		3	2	
		3	2		6	1		
6								7
	2		4		8		9	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 6
2 3 5 5

Medium ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 28
1 4 7 9

Hard ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 40
2 7 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

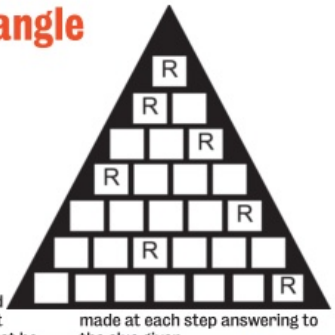
Differences: 1. ID tag is reversed. 2. Clip is added to lunch box. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Stair railing is different. 5. Foot is moved. 6. Windowpanes are different.

Riddler

Which three letter word completes the following longer words: cri—s, op—al, lat—e, cu—le?

Alpha triangle

1 Eighteenth letter
2 Again, prefix
3 Facial feature
4 Genuine
5 Unobstructed
6 Breakfast option
7 Not so messy



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

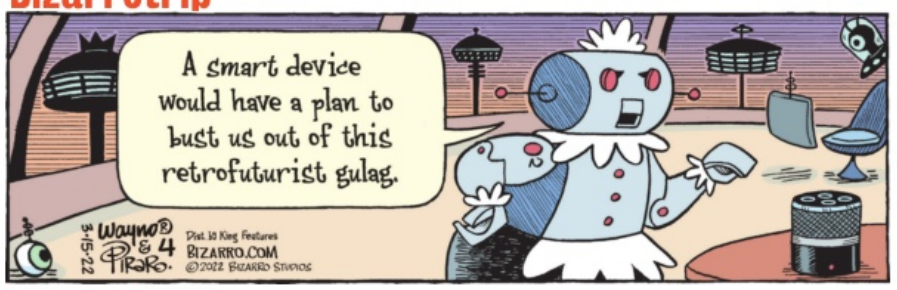
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
WHERE I GO EVERY FRIDAY, REDEYE..THE BEAUTY PARLOR
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THERE WAS A BEAUTY PARLOR AROUND HERE
SOON AS I SAID IT, I KNEW I'D MADE A BOO-BOO!
3-4
Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip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Diamond Lil

I'M IN SPRING TRAINING FOR PICNICKING
HOW DO YOU TRAIN FOR PICNICKING?
I EAT A COLD CHICKEN LEG OVER AN ANT FARM
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Hart of the city

I LOOKED UP A BUNCH OF QUESTIONS FOR THE INTERVIEW PORTION OF THE PAGEANT.
THEY ARE MEANT TO HELP THE JUDGES GET TO KNOW YOU. SO DON'T TREAT IT LIKE A TEST YOU HAVE TO STUDY FOR.
IT WAS OUT OF MY MIND THE SECOND YOU SAID "TEST."
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Crankshaft

THE SCORE WOULDN'T BE THIS CLOSE IF IT WASN'T FORTHAT TERRIBLE NEW GUY ON THE BLUE VALLEY BUS DRIVERS TEAM!
DON'T THINK MAX AXELROD DOESN'T KNOW THAT... HE'S BEEN THROWING HIM UNDER THE BUS THE WHOLE SEASON.
MAKING HIM THE SCAPEGOAT, HUH?
NO... HE'S ACTUALLY BEEN THROWING HIM UNDER THE BUS!
BATIUK & DAVIS
3-11

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel dull and may experience some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments into a business. It is also advised that you don't start a new venture today. You are likely to face losses in business. Your gains are likely to convert into losses.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel good. Domestic harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential person to get some benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well at work; you may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property are likely to settle down.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel healthy and may be able to focus on your goals. Your performance may be very good at work. Your boss may be happy with your work and you may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in a legal matter. You are likely to get control over your opponents and business rivals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may prefer gathering knowledge as you may understand the value of intellectual assets. Sometimes you may control your short temper, which may help you perform your task smoothly. There may be a chance to have smooth earnings, which may give you comfort in the workflow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are likely to spend money for love once. Love birds may enjoy happy moments.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be dissatisfied and may feel some sort of detachment towards your responsibilities, which may confuse you. You may plan hypothetically for your projects. You are advised to be practical in your work to complete it on time. You may also be able to take care of your parents. If you're planning to migrate somewhere, it is advised to postpone it for a few days.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today is a positive day for you as you may get success from your hard work on the professional and domestic front. You may have good focus and you may complete your work on time, which can improve your self-confidence. You may also expect some work-related short trips, which may be beneficial in the near future in terms of your network.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be busy with domestic issues. You may spend money in buying some artefacts or household items. You are advised to control spending on worthless items; otherwise it may attract negative energy in the house. You are also advised to control your harsh manner of speaking with the people around you.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may feel comfortable after a messy situation. Your vitality may help you implement some difficult decisions in parental business, which may help the business grow. You may help needy people around, which may increase your social status. Students may get clarity about choosing a career option.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may face health issues, which may make you impatient. You are advised to control your short temper. You may spend your hard-earned money buying worthless items, which may affect your savings. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless issues, otherwise there may be tiffs and break-ups.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may meet some influential person, who may help you in the progress of your work. Your network will become strong with the help of that person. You may get ready to implement new ideas at work or business. You will plan to invest more capital into your business, which may give you financial gains in the near future. In your domestic life, you will be busy with family get-togethers and social events.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, your mother's health may be good. You may enjoy work and even may get rewards after your hard work. Your social status will be better now. Due to too much working and thinking, you may feel tired. Due to workload, you may not be able to reach some family events.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be satisfied at work. You may plan a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious places to maintain your inner peace. Your gurus may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
Let T = total time
Swimming + cycling + running = total time
(3/8)T + (15/64)T+ 50 = T
(39/64)T + 50 = T
T = 128
3/8 of 128 = 48 min swimming
50 min running
Which leaves 30 min cycling

BULL'S EYE equity, QUIETLY, yeti

RIDDLER Tic: Critics, optical, lattice, cuticle

FAST FIVE

C	H	E	S	T
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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
E. Adding up each column:
Column A = 75,
Column B = 80,
Column C= 85,
Column D = 90,
Column E= 96,
Column F= 100

QUOTE UNCODE
Falling out of love is very enlightening. For a short while you see the world with new eyes.

SUDOKU

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9	8	3	2	7	6	1	5	4
6	4	1	5	3	9	2	8	7
7	2	5	4	1	8	6	9	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R. Re, Ear, Real, Clear, Cereal, Cleaner.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 x 3 – 5 + 5 = 6
Medium
9 x 4 – 1 – 7 = 28
Hard
7 + 4 + 9 x 2 = 40

LOOP

KAKURO

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Allu Arjun is a green warrior

On screen , he essayed a red sandalwood smuggler, but Allu Arjun is a green warrior in real life, his friends say. "From his workplace to house, he has planted saplings that he takes care of," a friend said

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All in the family

Who can give batting tips to Anushka? Who better than hubby dear

Actor Anushka Sharma is currently busy prepping for her upcoming 'Chakda 'Xpress', which is based on the life of Indian cricketer Jhulan Goswami. In a recent interview, Anushka revealed that she is taking help from her cricketer husband Virat Kohli.

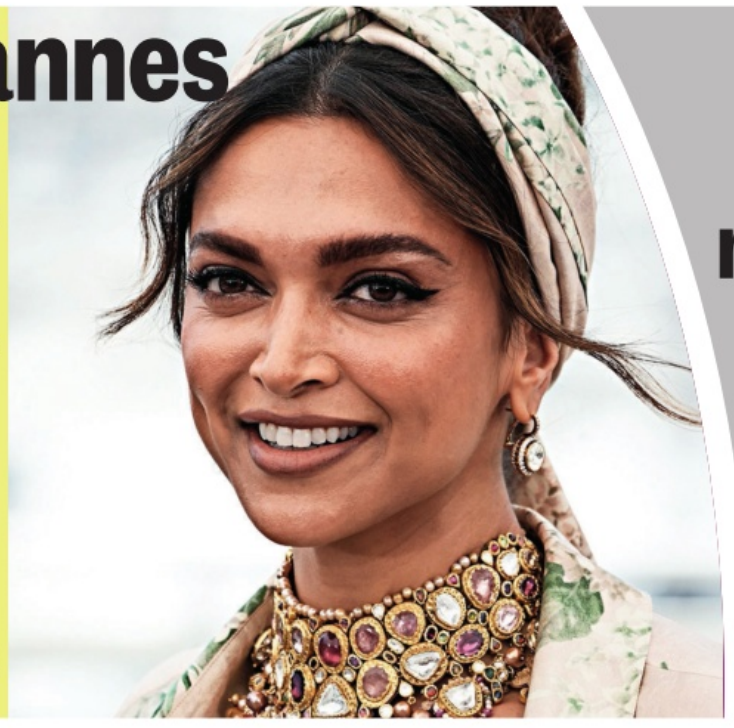
She said that Virat gave her batting tips. But since he is not a bowler, she learns the skills from her bowling coach. Anushka also revealed that she records her training videos and shares them with Virat to get his feedback.

In an interview with Harper's Bazaar, Anushka said that she always appreciated how mentally pressurising it can be to play cricket, but now, she also understands how physically draining it is. She also recalled how Virat used to visit her on the sets and he would watch her and the team on late-night shoots or in very cold places, he would be bewildered and wonder how they were able to do it. She said that now she talks to him about the things that he's been doing for so many years.

'Chakda 'Xpress' is Anushka's first film after she welcomed her baby girl, Vamika. She was last seen in 'Zero' with Shah Rukh Khan and Katrina Kaif. During the interview, the actress revealed that the Jhulan Goswami biopic got delayed due to the pandemic and her pregnancy.

— ETimes

Killing it at Cannes



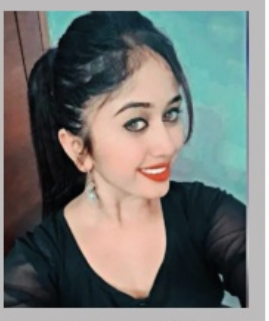
Actor Deepika Padukone is all set to rock the Cannes Film Festival this year. She is attending the prestigious Festival as a jury member this time. She has been sharing glimpses of her visit with her fans on Instagram. On Tuesday evening, Deepika dropped her first look from day 1.

Deepika looked breathtakingly gorgeous as she opted for a Sabyasachi ensemble. In the pictures, she is seen sporting a printed shirt with a pair of green pants. The actress has rounded off her look with a scarf tied in her high bun and a stunning statement neckpiece. Deepika took to her Instagram story to share her OOTD. Her fans just can't keep calm as the Queen is literally killing it with her looks.

Meanwhile, Deepika will join celebrated cinema personalities from around the world, like actor-director Jasmine Trinca and directors Asghar Farhadi, Jeff Nichols, and Joachim Trier, as a member of the Cannes jury, led by actor-filmmaker Vincent Lindon. Recently while speaking to the Bombay Times, the actress spoke about representing the country. She said, "After being an actor for 15 years, for your work to finally be recognised on a global platform such as this, and to be able to represent the country, obviously, there is a sense of gratitude and being extremely overwhelmed." **—ETimes**

Actor dies after faulty fat removal surgery

Parents of 21-yr-old Kannada small screen actor accuse surgeons of negligence



A 21-year-old Kannada small screen actor died while undergoing fat removal surgery in Bengaluru on Tuesday. According to police, Chethana Raj was undergoing the surgery without the knowledge of her parents. The parents are now alleging negligence on part of the surgeons. They also said that the surgery was conducted without proper equipment. Chethana Raj is a resident of Abbigere in Bengaluru. The hospital authorities maintained that the death occurred due to water getting deposited in her lungs during surgery. Chethana Raj had acted in popular serials 'Geetha', 'Doresaani', 'Olavina Nildana'. She had also acted in a Kannada film 'Havayaami'.

Govinda Raj, Chethana's father, explained that his daughter was admitted to the hospital at 8.30 am on Monday. By the time they got to know about it, the surgery had started. The actor's mother had rushed to the hospital and was staying there. By evening, she was told that Chethana's lungs were filled with water or fat content and she had faced breathing problems. There were no proper facilities in the ICU, he said. Chethana Raj had asked them for permission to undergo the surgery but the family had told her not to do it. So she had undergone surgery without the family's knowledge, he said. "My daughter died due to the negligence of the hospital. The doctors have conducted surgery without parental consent and without proper equipment," he stated. "My daughter was hale and hearty. She had gone to hospital with her friends. Someone has suggested to her that she had more fat in the waist and without consulting any family member she had come for the surgery. "I will initiate legal action against the hospital," he said. **—BMB & Agencies**

Shilpa tackles 'tough' question

At the trailer of launch of 'Nikamma', where Shilpa Shetty features with Abhimanyu Dassani and Shirley Setia, the media asked Shilpa about her recent 'tough times'. The question was posed in relation to Shilpa's husband Raj Kundra and the challenging times they faced together after a recent court case in an alleged pornographic content matter. While the host of the event tried to stop the journalist, Shilpa sportingly chose to answer the question.

Keeping a brave front she first explained that the event was about her latest film and not her personal life. She said, "I think we are here to celebrate a new beginning not just for me but our director Sabbir (Khan) and actors Abhimanyu and Shirley who have worked very hard on this movie. I don't think this is about me or my life." But she didn't stop there. She did acknowledge that she and other people had experienced tough times of late. Shilpa added, "We've all in our lives have been through a difficult phase. The last 2 years have not just been difficult for me but a lot of people. The film industry in general, too. Because films have been ready, they've been in the can but not been able to see the light of the day. People couldn't come into theatres. But, this is a big moment for us."

Needless to say, while Shilpa did not directly answer the query, she did accept that recent months had been tough on her and her family. At the same event, Shilpa was seen touching the feet of her director Sabbir Khan as a gesture of respect and adulation. Of late, Shilpa's husband Raj Kundra has been avoiding public appearances in general. A few times he's stepped out, he's chosen to conceal his face with a mask and dark sunglasses. **—ETimes**